

Transit for Connecticut
Helping People, the Economy and the Environment

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
Public Hearing
April 6, 2015

In Support of:
SB 947 – An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements,
Transportation and Other Purposes

Dear Sen. Fonfara, Rep. Berger and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, a statewide coalition of 33 business, social service, environmental, planning, transportation and civic organizations dedicated to increasing awareness of the benefits of bus transit and advocating for increased investment in transit service, I request your support of the Governor's proposed transportation bonding requests contained in SB 947.

The Governor's transportation bonding requests will allow the state to maintain its existing transportation infrastructure and provide much needed improvements to our roads and bridges and bus and rail systems. Specifically in regards to transit service, transit is an economic tool providing people with the mobility that aids employment, helps reduce congestion and pollution and allows communities to provide necessary connections to major locations. In addition, studies have shown that every \$1 invested in transit generates a \$4 return. Investment in transit not only creates jobs but it gets people to their jobs.

Please support SB 947. Maintaining and improving the state's bus service benefits the economy and the environment and provides necessary transportation options for all residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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